

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting - February 18, 2021
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
Nampa, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Brad Corkill, Don Ebert, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Ron Davies. Commissioner Murphy was absent.

IDFG staff present: Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Frank Edelmann, Mary Boyer, Michael Pearson, and Kim Rau.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Greg Wooten, Sharon Kiefer, Toby Boudreau, Martha Wackenhut, Sal Palazzolo, Chip Corsi, Jon Rachael, Kimmarie Sayer, Jim White, Tom Curet, James Brower and Deputy Attorney General, Owen Moroney.
Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MST

LEGISLATION

Paul Kline, Deputy Director presented the updates on legislation.

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget

JFAC hearing occurred on February 15th. There were only a few questions and all went smoothly, JFAC is scheduled to set our budget on February 25th.

Staff provided supporting testimony for HB91, the revised Trappers bill, in the House Resources and Conservation Committee on February 11th.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position

Deputy Director Kline reviewed the House and Senate Bill tracking tables (Appendix 54, Exhibit 12).

A redraft of HB9 is still being discussed and a new routing slip is now hopefully in the works.

The original Trappers bill (HB10) was redrafted and printed as HB91 and now includes in statute that statement that wildlife parts salvaged pursuant to Idaho wildlife salvage laws (36-506) may be used for bait in trapping wildlife.

Two new bills of interest HB187 and HB166.

HB 166 DOMESTIC CERVIDAE – Amends existing law to remove the prohibition of holding reindeer for domestic purposes north of the Salmon River.

Commission consensus is to Monitor HB 166.

HB 187 RECREATIONAL ACCESS, MOTORIZED USE – Adds to existing law to provide for motorized use restrictions in recreational access agreements.

21-11 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion that the Commission support HB 187. Motion carries.

SB1121 is an appropriation bill for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, information only.

Change to Wolf Depredation Control Board Funding

Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Trever summarized the legal framework for Commission direction to the WDCB for use of funds from the fish and game subaccount. Due to snow conditions, helicopter availability, and other circumstances, the Wildlife Bureau will have budget remaining for FY21 regarding wolf control activities.

Staff recommended the Commission modify its direction to the WDCB for FY21 to allow \$30,000 in funds in the WDCB's fish and game subaccount to be used to increase funding to the Commission Community Challenge grant program by \$30,000. Should the Commission make that modification, staff also recommended the Commission increase its award to F4WM by this amount through amendment of the current Cooperative Agreement for contract administration purposes (regional priority areas, schedules, reporting and other terms to remain the same based on wolf management priorities).

21-12 Commissioner Ebert moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion that the Commission modify its direction to the Wolf Depredation Control Board for FY21 to allow \$30,000 in funds in the Board's fish and game subaccount to be used to increase funding to the Commission Community Challenge grant program by \$30,000, and increase the Commission's current award to F4WM by this amount, with the Department to execute documents with the Board and F4WM consistent with this action. Motion carries.

Adjourn



Brad Corkill

Chairman



Ed Schriever
Secretary